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MANY ACTIVITIES KEEP DRAMA DIVISION BUSY

SEVERAL WORKSHOPS, FESTIVALS, ALREADY PLANNED FOR 1965

Several workshops have been arranged for the first months of the new year, to be held in the following places with the following dates.

A workshop for teachers and members in the Grande Prairie area on January 16 with Freda deBranscoville and Jack McCreath as instructors.

The Drama Supervisor will hold a one-day workshop for the Rocky Mountain House area on January 21 and will be working with the Calgary Southside Community Players on January 27 & 28.

A regional workshop on acting and directing will be held on January 29 and 30 in the Raymond area and a workshop for the Jasper-Hinton area will be held in Jasper the weekend of February 12.

The High School Drama Festival Zones are beginning to arrange their festival schedules for the spring.

The Grande Prairie Area and Edmonton South area will hold their festivals on the weekend of April 2, and the Medicine Hat area has arranged its festival for March 19. The Edmonton North area has arranged its festival for May 1.

SPECIALISTS MAKE NOTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS





Freda deBranscoville (left) and Gerard Baril, specialists in speech and make-up respectively, have been teaching at workshops and seminars on behalf of the Drama Division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch for the past five years. They recently completed a successful regional workshop in speech and make-up at Raymond where over 65 persons were in attendance.

TEACHER-TRAINING WORKSHOP UNIQUE EXPERIMENT IN DRAMA

The first teacher-training workshop in creative drama to be co-sponsored by the Fine Arts Council of the Alberta Teachers Association and the Drama Division of the Recreation and Cultural Development Branch is announced for

mid-February, probably in Medicine Hat.

The staff for this unique experiment which is conceived to reach the teachers at junior high and elementary level will be headed by Louise Wood and Agnes Buckles, both well known and respected in the creative drama field in Edmonton.

The two-day course will be called "Creativity in the Classroom — Child Drama as a Teaching Aid".

VVHS PERFORMING ARTS OFFER WILDER PLAY

On February 4, 5, and 6, the Performing Arts Department of Victoria Vocational High School is presenting Thorton Wilder's "The Skin of Our Teeth".

The play will be produced under the direction of Don Pimm and is to be presented in the Victoria Composite High School Auditorium, Edmonton.

NORTHERN AREA N

"Recreation in Falher"

In 1889 Reverend C. Falher, O.M.I., a Roman Catholic missionary arrived in Grouard where he became noted for his understanding ability to speak and interpret the Cree language. It was through Reverend Falher's efforts to establish a settlement that the first settlers arrived at the present site of the Town of Falher after the completion of the Edmonton-Dunvegan and British Columbia Railway (now the Northern Alberta Railway) in 1916.

The settlement was first organized as a village on September 5, 1923. It acquired town status on January 1, 1955.

Falher is the centre of a good mixed farming district. It has a growing population of 856 with a trading area population of 5,101. Hockey and baseball have been the most popular sports in Falher for many years. Previous to the forming of a Recreation Board in 1963, recreation was organized through a Sports Committee. One of the first endeavours of the five member board was to recommend to the Town Council the employment of a Recreation Director. This was passed and Falher now employs a full time Recreation Director. Members of thte Falher Recreation Board are Mr. J. Chalifoux, Mr. J. St. Laurent, Mr. C. Ouellette, Mr. R. Lauzon and Mr. G. Paradis.

HOCKEY

Hockey has always been and still is, the most popular form of recreation in Falher. The people of Falher showed their great interest in this sport by constructing a large arena in 1951. The minor hockey program involved six teams with a total of 100 boys participating.



Arena Ice Surface

Also active is the Senior hockey club with eighteen local players between the ages of eighteen and thirty taking part.

This extensive program in hockey is possible through the endeavours of our volunteer coaches and managers. They are Gilbert Lauze, Paul D'Auteuil, John Laflamme, Adrian Trudeau, Raymond Giroux, Ed Manysiak and Reverend R. Lessard, O.M.I.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Routhier School

The Routhier school can be proud of its program which includes a wide variety of activities for all children. In the athletic field there are boys' and girls' volleyball, boys' and girls' basketball, track and field, badminton, softball, hockey, broomball, touch football and soccer. Many of these activities are organized with the schools in the towns or villages in the area. Annual tournaments are set up in volleyball and basketball, as well as an annual track and field meet. The social and cultural field includes drama, oratory, discussion groups, song festivals and parties. The Falher Chorale Group under the able instruction of Reverend Guy Goyette, the principal of Routhier School, has won wide acclaim. Many thanks must be extended to Father Goyette and his able staff for their endeavours in making the Routhier School program such a successful one.

THE SCHOOL GYM

The Routhier School Gym is being put to a great many uses other than for school activities. It is used every Wednesday and Sunday evening by the



The Falher Senior Boys' Volleyball Team accepting trophy for District Championship.

Badminton Club. It is used for volley-ball and other activities every second Thursday by the teen-agers. Every Tuesday the "Jeunesse Rurale Catholique" (young French-speaking adults of the Catholic faith) make use of the gym for athletic activities and also for drama. The gym is a very vital facility for recreation in the community and more uses are being found for it every day.

Many deserving thanks are in order to the members of our local School Board for their co-operation in such a worthwhile cause.



Foreground — Site for playground and swimming pool. Background—Arena and the front of the building contains Town offices and the Community hall and Fire hall.

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PLAYGROUND SITE

Plans are underway for the development of a playground for the community. It is hoped that this playground will eventually include a swimming pool. At the present, the nearest swimming area is at Winagami Beach which is thirtyfive miles away. Swimming lessons are available at the beach and the Winagami Beach Association have organized transportation by bus for children of Falher who wish to take the lessons. Because of the great number of children attend-, ing these lessons from Falher, the great need for a swimming pool is now clearly recognized. It is hoped that this will be our centennial project.



Falher Baseball Diamond

Baseball has held interest for the people of Falher for many years. In the last few years emphasis has been placed on minor baseball for the boys and softball for the ladies. The program now includes four minor baseball teams, a senior (men's) team and a ladies' softball team. Through the efforts of the Knights of Columbus many activities such as men's softball, basketball, boys' hockey and baseball, Boy Scouts and Cubs and Teen Clubs are in the final stages of organization.

Plans for the future are always in the air. The Falher Recreation Board is a very active group. Better methods of administering the program and a greater variety of activities offered to the members of the community are its constant goal. Plans are now in progress for a play-ground, a swimming pool, an arts and craft club, and a senior citizens organization. We hope to see all of these in the near future.

Increased Eurolment Results in Fine Arts Department Split

The University of Alberta Board of Governors has announced that the Department of Fine Arts will be split next year into three new Departments of Drama, Music, and Painting and the related arts. The decision to split the Department came about because of the increase in enrolment and because the three Divisions are already operating independently except in certain administrative areas. Another consideration was that the three disciplines differ so widely in their interests and needs that it is difficult for one person to speak for the curriculum and budget of all three.

INVITATION EXTENDED TO ATTEND CANADIAN MUSIC EDUCATORS CONVENTION

All teachers of School Music are cordially invited to attend the Canada-wide convention of the CANADIAN MUSIC EDUCATORS, which will be held in Calgary and Banff on April 20-23, 1965. The convention itself will be held at the Palliser Hotel in Calgary, and tours of both Calgary and Banff, special musical events, and real "Western" hospitality are on the program as well.

This will be an opportunity to meet other school music teachers from all parts of Canada and exchange ideas. This will also be an opportunity to hear some of the top music specialists in North America speaking on a variety of subjects, and conducting workshops.

More details will be given at a later date. For further information write:

Miss Cynthia Downe, Assistant Supervisor of Music, Calgary Public Schools, c/o McDougall School, Calgary, Alberta.

THOUGHT

"Wear your learning, like your watch, in a private pocket, and do not pull it out merely to show you have it."

-Lord Chesterfield

MEET THE BOA



Thomas Rolston, of Edmonton, has been appointed to the Music Board.

Born in Vancouver, Mr. Rolston studied in the United States, England, and Europe, and has resided in Edmonton since 1958. For six years he was Director of the Edmonton Symphony. Now an Associate Professor with the Music Department of the University of Alberta, Mr. Rolston is also active as a violinist, often touring in concert with his wife, a well-known harpist and pianist. Professor Ralston has also travelled extensively as an adjudicator and examiner.



Mrs. F. W. Hewes, of Edmonton, elected to the Recreation and Cultural Development Board, was born and raised in Brampton, Ontario, and is a graduate from the University of Toronto in Occupational Therapy.

Mrs. Hewes has been an Albertan since 1949, and has worked as a volunteer for the Parks Board, Art Gallery, Symphony, Theatre for Children, Welfarc Council, United Fund, Girl Guides, United Church Women, Handicapped Children, etc.

Her hobbies include cooking, sewing, and bridge, and her four children, ages 13, 11, 10 and 4. In addition, she is presently busy as Executive Secretary of the Edmonton Branch, Canadian Mental Health Association.

RD MEMBERS



Joseph A. McLean, Q.C., of Lloydminster, is one of the new members of the Library Board.

Mr. McLean was a 1928 winner of the Governor-General's Medal in Lloydmin ster, and a law graduate of the University of Saskatchewan.

He has served continuously on the board of the Lloydminster Public Library since its inception in 1948, and prior to that was a member of its forerunner, the Mechanics' and Literary Institute.

In addition to his extensive law pracice, Mr. McLean has been active in community affairs such as the Kinsmen Club, Lloydminster Chamber of Commerce, Agricultural Exhibition Association (he was founder of the Lloydminster Agricultural Short Course), City Council, Hospital Board, and School Board.



Mrs. Winnifred Waters, of Midnapore, one of the new members of the Athletic and Outdoor Education Board, was born on a farm in the Hand Hills district of southern Alberta, and educated in Calgary. She attended the Recreation Leadership School at Red Deer in 1947 and 1948, and since then, though married and the mother of four lively children, continues to work part time in recreation in her community.

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CANADIAN AMATEUR SKI ASSOCIATION (Alberta Division)

CHARTER FLIGHT TO EUROPE

The Canadian Amateur Ski Association, Alberta Division, is pleased to announce that negotiations are underway for a 1965 Charter flight to Europe.

The association is not in a position to advise exact departure dates at the moment. However, applications are now being received on the flight.

Plans for the flight are as follows:

- 1. Departure date will be the first week in March, preferably March 5 or 6.
- 2. Duration of the flight will be 3 weeks.
- 3. The flight will travel from Calgary to Zurich and return from Munich to Calgary.
- 4. The cost is estimated at \$325.00 per person.
- 5. The aircraft will be a DC-8 Jet.

Membership on the flight is available by completing the bottom of this form and sending a deposit of \$100.00, to guarantee a reservation. Cheques should be made out to "The Alberta Ski Association Charter Fund". Final payment will be required by January 18, 1965 and all deposits are refundable if the applicant is unable to travel up to December 1, 1964.

Miss M. M. Frinskie, Alberta Ski Association Charter Fund, 12016 - 83 Street, Edmonton, Alberta.

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MR. JACK REILLY,

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City Hall,

Edmonton, Alberta.

I'M A NEW MEMBER

say "Hello".

You're busy all the time you're therewith everyone you know.

I sit down with the fellows—but I'm still a lonesome guy.

The new fish are as strange as I. You "old" ones pass us by.

But, darn it, you guys asked us in and you talked of fellowship;

I see you at the meetings-but you never You could just step across the room, but you've never made the trip,

> Why can't you nod and say "Hello"-or stop and shake my hand-

Then go and sit among your friends? Now, that I'd understand!

I'll be at your next meeting . . . a pleasant lunch to spend.

Why don't you introduce yourself? I want to be a friend.

---Anon.



Joyce Forbes-now program director for Y.M.-Y.W. in Moose Jaw.

Joyce Ferguson—(R.L.S./48) teacher and missionary service in the Congo.

Edmonton Oil Kings-on a fine display of hockey in their game against the world champion Russian Nationals.

We would like to thank all who were so thoughtful and dropped us a card. It was nice hearing from you.

TEITELBAUM SHOW

Through its affiliation with the Western Canada Art Circuit, the Fine Arts Gallery is pleased to present a one-man show of paintings by Toronto painter, Mashel Teitelbaum.

Born in Saskatoon, Teitelbaum attended the University of Saskatchewan, later studying with Clifford Still at the California School of Fine Arts and with Max Beckmann at Mills College in the United States. After a trip to Europe in 1958, he taught for a year at the University of Manitoba.

Mashel Teitelbaum has exhibited in group shows in Saskatoon, Montreal, and Seattle, and has had a number of oneman shows in Regina, Saskatoon, Vancouver, Ottawa, Montreal and Toronto. He is represented in several famous Canadian collections. Of his more recent work, Hugo McPherson has written: "Renaissance painters depicted man in glory; modern painters frequently depict him in anguish. Teitelbaum struggles with this heritage to express a new truth shaped of the passion, cruelty and beauty that is human experience."

Twenty paintings, all completed since 1962, will be included in this exhibition which will be on view at the Fine Arts Gallery, University of Alberta, 9021 - 112 Street, from January 5 to 23, 1965, during the hours 12-1:30 p.ni. and 7-9 p.m., Monday through Friday.

LIBRARIES GRANT **DEADLINE JAN. 31**

Secretary-Treasurers of all public library boards are again reminded that applications for Provincial Government annual grants must be submitted on or before JANUARY 31st, 1965.

The necessary forms were mailed to librarics some time ago. Please have them completed and returned well before the above deadline.

In case of doubts or difficulties, write: The Supervisor of Public Libraries 425 Legislative Building Edmonton, Alberta

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> Mr. A. H. Pinchin. Acting Supervisor of Music, Room 424, Legislative Building, EDMONTON, Alberta.

STAFF REQUIRED for 1965 Recreation Leadership School

The Recreation and Cultural Development Branch of the Department of the Provincial Secretary is again seeking qualified male and female staff members for the 1965 Recreation Leadership School which will operate July 3rd to 31st.

Applicants must have considerable skill and teaching experience in the subjects they apply to teach since the purpose of the school is to prepare candidates to provide leadership in a wide range of recreation

Applicants must also be willing to live in residence and act as counsellors to student leaders.

The following subjects will be offered at the 1965 Recreation Leadership School:

Recreation Leadership (Lecture Course) First Year Classes:

Anatomy and First Aid

Group Games

Square and Round Dancing

Community Singing

Gymnastics I

Creative Drama

Team Sports

Elementary Crafts

Fitness Exercises I

Beginning and Intermediate Swimming

Second Year Classes: Recreation Workshop

Social Recreation

Gymnastics II

Swimming (Instructors' Course) Introduction to Major Crafts Camp Skills

Drama Individual Sports (Tennis, Badminton, Archery)

Fitness Exercises II

Music for Playgrounds and Camps

APPLICANTS SHOULD BE PREPARED TO TEACH AT LEAST TWO OF THE ABOVE SUBJECTS

Further information and application forms for staff positions may be obtained by writing to:

Miss E. M. McFarland, Supervisor

Community Programs 424 Legislative Building Edmonton, Alberta

FINAL DATE FOR RECEIPT OF COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS—MARCH 1, 1965